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1. Major G.I. Salmanov, chief of the army clothing depot in Schonnebeck and his deputy Captain Vladimirov (fnu) were notified of their imminent relief in January 1951. Captain Dukanich (fnu), who was on official duty in Bernau, was recalled and notified that he too would be released and returned to the U.S.S.R. His replacement was already at the installation. (1)
2. No further shipments arrived for Warehouse IV, which is still being very strictly guarded. Neither Germans nor Russians may loiter in its vicinity. (2)
3. Almost every week a train loaded with worn-out items of clothing leaves the depot for Bernau. Items which have become unusable will be replaced by new deliveries at irregular intervals either from Bernau or the U.S.S.R. (3)
4. The volume of work to be handled in the repair shops has risen. On 4 January 1951, an order was placed for 6,000 trousers and 6,000 blouses to be repaired by mid-February 1951. Since this date could not be kept it was arranged to have half of the items ready by 1 February, the remainder by 1 March 1951. On 18 January 1951, a special order was issued for the manufacture, within two hours, of 120 bags 10 x 16 cm in size for first-aid equipment. Major Salmanov gave orders to make preparations for the employment of 50 more seamstresses. Seven shoemakers and 31 seamstresses were already employed in the repair shop.
5. On 13 January 1951, Bistriakov (fnu), commanding officer of Unit APR 16455 in Potsdam approved a contract concluded with the chief of the repair shop for 1951. An original carbon copy of this contract was obtained.

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6. On 2 March 1951, Major Salmanov said that the additional troop units, which had been expected since mid-January 1951, would arrive soon so that the volume of work to be done in the repair shops would increase. So far no new personnel has been hired because the work to be done continued to be normal.

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7. A tabulation entitled Standards for Materials Requirements, and a tag addressed to [REDACTED] and bearing the stamp of [REDACTED] were obtained. (1)

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8. On 10 February 1951, Captain Vladimirov left. His replacement, Captain Khvaridini (fnu) was already on duty at the installation. However, it is not quite clear whether he will remain. Major Salmanov is still waiting for the arrival of his replacement. A lieutenant colonel is, allegedly, to become commander of the clothing depot. Captain Skarokhot (fnu) and Junior Lieutenant Kolshov (fnu) were ordered on 28 February 1951, to proceed to Bernau to take over a large shipment for Schoenbeck.
9. Warehouse V is being filled with items of winter clothing either unusable or worn out such as overcoats, padded trousers, and jackets as well as for caps. Items which can be salvaged are sent to the repair shops. (1)
10. In early March 1951, source learned that two companies of a tank unit were quartered in the area of the motor vehicle repair shop in the Luendhuetchen Fabrik (Ammunition Works). The motor vehicle repair shop had existed there from 1915 to December 1950 and had employed approximately 500 German personnel. About mid-February 1951, installations of the motor vehicle repair shop were taken over by the tank unit which employs about 1000 German personnel. According to available information, tanks and tank parts are now being repaired there and new parts manufactured at other places are supplied to tank units by this installation. (5)

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Comments.

- (1) Confirms the large Soviet clothing and equipment depot. [REDACTED] sketch of the depot was submitted previously. [REDACTED] Salmanov, commander of the depot, was last confirmed in November 1950. Vladimirov (fnu), his deputy, was last reported in early November 1950. His relief was already expected at that time. Datanich (fnu) was motor officer of the depot. The other officers mentioned in the report are unknown. See

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- (2) The storage of equipment in Warehouse IV was apparently to be kept secret and was reported previously. [REDACTED]

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- (3) The central clothing depot for the entire Soviet Zone of Occupation is located in Bernau. [REDACTED]

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- (4) AM 16455 belongs to the chief of supply and administration service of the GORG. [REDACTED] is probably assigned to an army post office in Stahnsdorf(?).

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- (5) This information refers to the Soviet motor vehicle repair shop in the town section of Salzelmen. [REDACTED] It was planned to transfer this installation in December 1950. This transfer seems to have been effected in the meantime. The facilities of the former Luendhuetchen Fabrik are now apparently used by a tank repair shop with spare parts depot attached.

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